



Summer, 2011

As of July 11

FREE WALKS, TALKS, AND TOURS

Programs provided by the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest

Thursday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon *Wildflowers of the Continental Divide Trail with Susan Dussel*

Susan Dussell will lead a slow-paced hike with wildflower identification on the Continental Divide Trail south of Highway 160. Hike length will be determined by the group and weather. The hike will be a minimum of 3 miles and 800 feet elevation gain to the Rock Garden. Final destination could be the base of Alberta Peak. Meet at the parking area on the right at the top of Wolf Creek Pass adjacent to the interpretive signs. Wear walking shoes/boots, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring drinking water. This walk NEEDS to be signed up for in advance with a maximum of 15 participants. Please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 to sign up.

Wednesday, July 20, 9:30 a.m. to noon *A Walk Back in Time with Phyllis Wheaton*

Take a walk back in time with to visit the location of a 1930's CCC camp and the homestead era Provancher (Murray) Ranch. For this moderate walk (about 3.5 miles round trip), we will meet at the entrance to the Blanco River Picnic Area. Go south from Pagosa Springs about 11 miles on Highway 84 to Blanco River Road (#656), turn east and follow the gravel road about 2.5 miles to its end.

Friday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. *A Family Walk in the Woods with Jill & Donovan*

Porterfield Take a walk in the woods and learn about the homes and habitats of forest and its critters. There will be activities for children (of all ages). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear walking shoes/boots, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring drinking water. Bring your own lunch if you would like to join Donovan and Jill for a picnic after the walk. Meet at the parking area on the right at the end of the pavement on Piedra Road about 5.5 miles north of Highway 160.

Saturday, July 23, 7pm-8pm *San Juan String Band* The San Juan Public Lands Center (San Juan National Forest and Bureau of Land Management) now has an official old time string band! The entire family will enjoy this special musical event with a great conservation message. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and be prepared for cool weather. From Highway 160, go north on Piedra Road to Williams Creek Road. Turn right and continue to the Teal Boat Ramp at Williams Creek Reservoir.

Sunday, July 24, 9am-Noon *Wildflowers of the Continental Divide Trail with Susan Halabrin*

Join Susan at the Lobo Overlook area for a wildflower identification walk. Meet at the Lobo Overlook. From Pagosa Springs head east on HWY160 towards Wolf Creek. When you reach the summit of Wolf Creek Pass, make your next left onto the Lobo Overlook road and follow this road for three miles to the radio towers. Be sure to bring rain gear as this is the time of the year when we start to get monsoons.

Wednesday, July 27, 9-Noon *Tree Ecology and Identification with Steve Hartvigsen*

Steve will present a slow-paced walk on different tree species and ecology of the area. This interpretive walk will take place near the old West Fork Campground. From Pagosa Springs head east on HWY160 for approximately 13.5 miles. At the West Fork Road (FR648), make a left and follow the road until you go over a bridge. Park on the right side of the road after you cross the bridge. This is right by where the old West Fork campground used to be. Bring water and raingear.

Saturday, August 13, 10am-1230 *Arborglyphs: A Walk through Aspen Groves, Peggy Bergon*

For many years, Peggy Bergon has collected photographs of arborglyphs: carvings on aspen done by Hispanic shepherders dating from the late 1800's to the early 1950's. On this three mile walk you will see many of their writings and artwork while learning about the early sheep industry. Wear walking shoes/boots, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring drinking water. Due to the nature of the walk, it is limited to 12 participants. We will meet at the Buckles Lake Trailhead. For more information and to reserve a spot, call Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268. For more information about Peggy and arborglyphs, go to www.arborglyphs.com.

For outdoor programs, be prepared for any kind of weather. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, rain gear, and appropriate shoes. For outdoor evening programs, bring a chair, blanket and flashlight. For information call 264-2268, or go to the web at www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan. Click on Education then scroll down to Pagosa Ranger District.